



Nebraska Humanities Council

# PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME

The **Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC)** is seeking recommendations for storytellers and discussion leaders who are interested in participating in our statewide *Prime Time Family Reading Time*® program. Information about the program and position qualifications follow. Take a moment to think about who may qualify and be interested in these positions. We would appreciate receiving your recommendations.

## THE PROGRAM

*Prime Time Family Reading Time*® is an innovative family reading program designed for low-income families in communities where student reading scores do not meet Nebraska state standards. The six-week program is led by a storyteller and a discussion leader. The storyteller begins each week by reading aloud from award-winning children's books. Storytelling is followed by a facilitated discussion among parents and children with questions that encourage critical thinking and develop connections between storybooks and real-life situations. *Prime Time* is offered in two formats: monolingual for English-speaking and bilingual for Spanish-speaking families. In the bilingual format, all books are presented and discussed in both Spanish and English. A Native American format is currently in development.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR STORYTELLERS

The ideal candidate for the position of storyteller is someone with storytelling experience, a broad knowledge of children's literature, and experience working with non-traditional audiences. *Prime Time* storytellers must demonstrate the inter-relatedness of the oral and literary traditions and model read-aloud techniques to parents while presenting stories. We are especially seeking candidates who are 1) bilingual in Spanish and English, or 2) Native American.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION LEADERS

The ideal candidate for the position of humanities scholar/discussion leader is someone with a doctorate or masters degree in the humanities, experience teaching literature or the humanities at the college or high school level, and some background—formal or informal—in reading and talking with children. *Prime Time* discussion leaders must be eager to transmit a love of reading and talking about books to an audience who primarily thinks of reading as a school activity or chore. We are especially seeking candidates who are 1) bilingual in Spanish and English, or 2) Native American.

## TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

To apply or to recommend someone for the position of storyteller or discussion leader for *Prime Time Family Reading Time*®, please contact statewide coordinator Erika Hamilton at [erika@nebraskahumanities.org](mailto:erika@nebraskahumanities.org) or (402) 474-2131 ext. 104. To learn more about *Prime Time* in Nebraska, visit [www.nebraskahumanities.org/programs/prime.html](http://www.nebraskahumanities.org/programs/prime.html).